GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN EXPORT OF STEEL
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of steel has declined recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken for increasing the export of steel?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The export of finished steel in 2002-03 up to January 2003 is 34.0 lakh tonnes while the export for the similar period last year was 25.26 lakh tonnes showing an increase of 35%.

(c) Several steps have been taken by the industry and the Govt. to improve the export of steel from India. These include:-

- Setting up of Steel Exporters` Forum to remove bottlenecks in the steel exports

- Exploring/consolidating new/non-traditional markets

- Maximizing exports to neighboring countries

- Attempting to increase range of export products - wider range of products/sizes/grades

Contesting trade cases for re-opening major traditional markets for Indian steel exports.